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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, BA, SA, US  
SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST FORCE

REF (A) STATE 283435, (B) MANAMA 1941

1. I HAVE BEEN GIVING MUCH THOUGHT TO YOUR MESSAGE CONCERNING MIDEASTFOR AND YOUR INSTRUCTION THAT THIS PROBLEM BE RAISED WITH SAUDI LEADERS AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNE MOMENT. I SHALL OF COURSE SEEK THAT MOMENT AND IN FACT HAVE COMMENCED PREPARATION FOR DEMARCHE BY RECALLING TO CROWN PRINCE OUR CONCERN ABOUT SOVIET ACTIVITY IN EAST AFRICA AND INDIAN OCEAN. I BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT YOUR CHANCE OF ENLISTING SAUDI ASSISTANCE WILL BE ENHANCED IF THERE IS FIRST SOME PROGRESS IN BAHRAIN ITSELF, PERHAPS THE RESPONSE PROMISED AMB. CLUVERIUS BY THE PRIME MINISTER (REF B). IT IS QUITE UNLIKELY THAT SAUDIS WOULD MOVE ALONG LINES WE FAVOR WHILE THE RESULTS OF THE CLEMENTS PITCH ON OCTOBER 24 REMAIN MOST RECENT INDICATION SAUDIS HAVE OF BAHRAIN ATTITUDE. WE CAN FEEL QUITE SURE THEY ARE WELL INFORMED ABOUT CONTENT OF THAT MEETING.

2. IF YOU FEEL OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS REQUIRE THAT WE INCUR RELATIVELY GREATER RISKS OF EARLY APPROACH TO SAUDIS REGARDLESS OF ATTITUDES IN BAHRAIN, I WILL MAKE DEMARCHE AS SOON AS I CAN GET AN APPOINTMENT. I MUST AND DO RECOMMEND, HOWEVER,

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AGAINST LATTER COURSE.

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